

Appl. No. 09/964,767
Amdt. dated January 6, 2004
Reply to Office Action of November 26, 2003

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of their application.

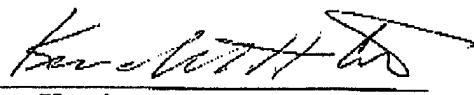
Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 22, 24 and 28 would be allowable if re-written as independent claims. Applicants have re-written claims 22 and 24 as independent claims. Applicants have amended claim 27 to include the language from dependent claim 28.

Applicants reserve the option to file a continuation and/or divisional applications.

It is respectfully submitted that remaining claims 22, 24 and 27 are now in condition for allowance and notice to such effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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